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SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
City Hall Community Room
2929 Tapo Canyon Road

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

2. Agenda Review

This is the time to reorder and/or remove items from the agenda by consensus of the Youth Council. Any individual member who will be abstaining from a discussion item should announce his/her intentions at this time.

3. Approval of Minutes from March 19, 2024

4. Correspondence

5. Public Statements/Comments

Time allotted for public statements on all items on the agenda, as well as matters not on the agenda but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Youth Council. Statements and comments are limited to no more than five (5) minutes per speaker.

6. Continued Business

a. Discussion of the Options for the Youth Council Multicultural Fair

b. Discussion of the Teen Wellness Night on Friday, May 17, 2024

c. Discussion of the Annual Talent Show on Wednesday, April 17, 2024

7. New Business

a. Discussion of the Youth Council's Participation at the YES Job and Career Fair on Saturday, April 20, 2024

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

This is the time for Youth Council members' statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Youth Council or to request a future agenda item. This is also the time to make any announcements related to community events and other items of interest.



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9. Coordinator's Report
10. Adjournment: Tuesday, **April 23, 2024**, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room

/s/

Anna M. Medina
Deputy Community Services Director

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and Youth Council Secretary Anika Nedunuri took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
V	Apollo High School Rep	P	Ethan Bhat	E	Jacob Peter
P	Ella McCrossan-RHS	P*	Pranav Bijith		Salvanera
P	Jasleen Khangura-RHS	P	Simran Dhillon	Alternates	
P	Abhishek Jagannathan-SSHS	P	Abhishek Humbe	P	Saydee Ro
P	Advaith Nair-SSHS	P	Tanvi Ijju	P	Junxi (David) Chen
P	Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi-SVHS	P	Sanchita Karthik	P	Sunchana Sridharan
P	Anika Nedunuri-SVHS	P	Claire Menges	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
E	Jiya Bhatt-HMS	P	Ian Nelson		
P	Rylan Downey-SMS	P	Divya Nunna		
P	Sanjeev Akundi-VVMS	P	Kalyssa Ro		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Community Services Coordinator.

Guests: Alexis Ploeger, Teen Club Director, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District; Students Lasya Cherukupalli, Mahie Daga, Saanvi Daga, Kirtan Ijju, Sahana Jetely, Serena Jetely, James LeQuang, Aditi Mehta, and Sahana Ravikumar.

2. Agenda Review

There being no objections, the agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes from March 5, 2024

ACTION: A motion to approve the March 5, 2024, minutes as written was made by Claire Menges and seconded by Ethan Bhat.

Youth Council Vote: 20 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Claire Menges reported that she had visited and toured Nate's Place located in Oxnard on Saturday, March 9, 2024. Ms. Menges had been asked to follow-up on the donation of funds raised during the 2023 Rock Painting Night for Suicide Prevention.

Ms. Miller stated that she had received correspondence from both Jennifer Wigdor, Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) Coordinator with the Simi Valley Unified School District and Gabe Teran, Consultant with Ventura County Office of

Education, regarding scheduling TUPE focus groups and other TUPE activities over the next few months.

Serena Jetely provided an update on her fundraising efforts, including receiving Talent Show Platinum Sponsorships from Kelly Evans and Associates and Kid Gloves Boxing Foundation, along with numerous opportunity drawing prizes and silent auction donations from Buffalo Wild Wings, Studio Movie Grill, and Rockin' Kids Play Center. She also stated that Pacific Building Supplies may also be interested in providing a platinum sponsorship.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Students in attendance introduced themselves and stated an interest in serving on the Youth Council.

Alexis Ploeger, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's Teen Club Director at Hillside Middle School, introduced herself.

6. Continued Business

a. Discussion of the Options for the Youth Council Multicultural Fair

Multicultural Fair Committee Chair Abhi Humbe and Aadi Nair reported that 16 booths were registered to participate, along with multiple group performances and student presentations.

Mr. Humbe asked all Youth Council members to continue to reach out to cultural clubs on their campuses about participating and to help promote the event by sharing the event flyer.

b. Discussion of the Teen Wellness Night on Friday, May 17, 2024

Teen Wellness Chair Jasleen Khangura reported that she and Tanvi Ijju had met with TUPE Coordinator, Mrs. Jennifer Wigdor to discuss event details and grant funding parameters. BRITE Youth staff were interested in collaborating at the Teen Wellness Night and coordinating their "I Choose Me" campaign during the event.

Ms. Khangura also stated that the Sound Bath organization that had originally been interested in participating, had not responded to Mrs. Wigdor's emails. Therefore, Mrs. Wigdor had begun contacting similar organizations.

Ms. Khangura announced that five booths had registered to participate, including Los Robles Healthcare and UCLA Health.

Ms. Khangura also announced that the Simi Valley Public Library would be co-hosting and staff were planning to coordinate a service project activity during the event. Mrs. Wigdor had offered to help in sending emails promoting the event to Simi Valley Unified School District staff, and requesting that health teachers offer extra credit to students that attend the event.

For those clubs, businesses and organizations interested in reserving a booth space at the Teen Wellness Night, Youth Council were asked to encourage them to register at www.bit.ly/2024teenwellness.

Ms. Miller announced that the Yogurtland Fundraiser for the day and evening of the Teen Wellness Night event had been authorized by the store manager. Ian Nelson shared the RSVP link, as 20 RSVP's were required before the fundraiser was officially approved by GroupRaise program.

c. Discussion of the Annual Talent Show on Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Talent Show Vice Chair Anika Nedunuri gave a brief review of the event logistics and assignment of roles discussed during the Talent Show Committee meeting on March 16, 2024.

Youth Council members provided updates on their fundraising efforts to secure event sponsorships and silent auction donations.

For marketing, members reviewed the two versions of the event flyer and selected to use both flyers with revisions, and then discussed potential Talent Show judges.

The following members volunteered to inquire about interest and availability of the following potential judges:

Clair Menges to speak to Bevin Abbe from Santa Susana High School and Ella McCrossan to speak with Bethany Spielman from Royal High School;

Ms. Miller to contact John Dantona and Anthony Angelini; and

Kalyssa and Saydee Ro to ask professional dancer from University of California, Los Angeles.

d. Debrief of the Youth Town Hall on February 26, 2024

There being no objections, Chair Jagannathan delegated the completion of the Youth Town Hall debrief and brainstorm discussion for recommendations for next year's Youth Town Hall to the Youth Summit Committee.

7. New Business

a. Tour of the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center

Youth Council members toured the facility, including backstage areas that would be utilized for the Talent Show. Talent Show roles were also reviewed, along with the physical areas members would be assigned to.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Social Media Chair Ella McCrossan reminded members that the next committee meeting to discuss Talent Show promotion and the possible creation of a BRITE Youth campaign reel would be held at 5:30 p.m., on Thursday, March 21, 2024.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Miller announced that she had been offered a promotion with the City Manager's Office. She stated that she would continue to be the acting Youth Council Coordinator through the 2023-24 Youth Council term, while the recruitment process to fill the position was being completed.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.